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SUBJECT: VACATION TRAVEL OF MRS. ROCKEFELLER

LONDON PASS CAPT HOWE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

IN RESPONSE TO MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING BUDAPEST, THERE ARE MANY ATTRACTIONS THAT COULD BE CITED. THE DISTRICTS OF O'BUDA AND BUDA ON THE BUDA SIDE OF THE DANUBE (BUDAPEST'S LEFT BANK GEOGRAPHICALLY) ARE THE OLDEST PARTS OF THE CITY AND CONTAIN MUCH OF INTEREST TO SEE, RANGING FROM THE ROMAN RUINS OF ACQUINCUM IN O'BUDA TO THE CASTLE HILL DISTRICT IN BUDA. IN THE LATTER THE HISTORIC MATTHIAS CORONATION CHURCH AND NEIGHBORING,HIGHLY SCENIC FISHERMAN'S BASTION SHOULD OE SEEN. NEARBY, THE BUDAPEST CASTLE IS NOT COMPLETELY RESTORED, BUT IS WELL WORTH SEEING. TWO CHIEF ATTRACTIONS ON THE PEST SIDE OF THE DANUBE ARE THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING, A STRIKING BUILDING IN

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HUNGARIAN GOTHIC STYLE, AND HEROE'S SQUARE, WHICH HAS RE-

MARKABLE EQUESTRIAN STATUES OF THE EARLY MAGYAR CHIEFTAINS.

2. BUDAPEST RESTAURANTS CAN BE DELIGHTFUL. THE POSTA KOSCI IN O'BUDA IS SET IN A FORMER STAGECOACH INN. THE SMALL PEST-BUDA ON CASTLE HILL FEATURES AN EXCELLENT PIANIST AND AN ATMOSPHERE OUT OF THE SET FROM THE FILM CASABLANCA. THE CITADELLA ON GELLERT HILL ON THE BUDA STDE IS CARVED INTO A HAPSBURG FORTRESS. THE MATYOS PINCE, ON THE PEST SIDE, IS THE FAVORITE OF MANY SINCE IT USUALLY FEATURES HUNGARY'S BEST GYPSY BAND, SANDOR LAKATOS.

3. MRS. ROCKEFELLER MIGHT ENJOY SOME SHOPPING ON VACI UTCA IN PEST, BUDAPEST'S LEADING "SMALL SHOPS" STREET, WHICH IS CENTRALLY LOCATED AS WELL, AND COFFEE WITH EXCELLENT PASTRIES CAN BE TAKEN AT VOROSMARTY'S, A NEARBY BUDAPEST TRADITION. CERAMIC DISPLAY SHOPS NEAR THE DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL FEATURE WORLD-FAMOUS HAND-PAINTED HUNGARIAN HEREND PORCELAIN. MRS. ROCKEFELLER MIGHT ALSO WISH TO VISIT A BIZOMANY, OR CONSIGNMENT STORE, ALTHOUGH EXPORT REGULATIONS ON ANTIQUES MAY LIMIT SHOPPING POSSIBILITIES. THE NATIONAL FINE ARTS MUSEUM ON HEROES SQUARE HAS A SURPRISINGLY GOOD SPANISH AND ITALIAN COLLECTION.

4. EMBASSY BUDAPEST MAY WISH TO NOTE FURTHER ATTRACTIONS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO MRS. ROCKEFELLER, INCLUDING SIDE TRIPS TO THE DANUBE BEND OR BALATON. KISSINGER

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